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TITLE: SIPHON FOR SINK OR SIMILAR ELEMENT

Preliminary Amendment: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A water trap for a sink or similar including comprising:

an upper portion (2) and a pivoting lower portion (3) in pivoting relation, —

a linking means (4) between said lower (3) and upper (2) portions; and

a sealing joint (5), characterised in that, wherein said linking means (4) comprise:

— comprises: at least one hinge (6) enabling said lower portion (3) to pivot round the
around an axis of said the hinge (6) and, which can be dismantled being dismantable in order to
separate said lower (3) portion and said upper (2) portions totally;

— portion; and a locking means (8) between said lower (3) portion and said upper (2)
portions. formed portion, being comprised of at least one clip (9) at least;

— said linking means (4) enabling to centre centering said lower portion (3) with said
upper portion (2) of the water trap (1) and to compress the and compressing a scaling joint (5) when
both portions (2) and (3) are linked.

2. (Currently amended) A water trap for a sink or similar according to claim 1, wherein the

elements upper portion, lower portion, linking means and sealing joint are snapped snappable
together forcibly.

3. (Currently amended) A water trap for a sink or similar according to claim 1, wherein the clip (9) comprises a base (13), slaved to one of the lower (3) and upper (2) portions, a stud (14), slaved to the other portion, respectively (2 or 3) and a locking element (15), mounted to pivot with said base (13) and co-operating by means of a stop (16) with said stud (14).

4. (Currently amended) A water trap for a sink or similar according to any of the claims 1 to 3, wherein Claim 1, further comprising said a clip (9) and a hinge (5) are provided.

5. (Currently amended) A water trap for a sink or similar according to any of the claims 1 to 3, wherein Claim 1, further comprising two clips (9) and two hinges (6) are provided.

6. (Currently amended) A water trap for a sink or similar according to any of the previous claims 1 to 5 Claim 4, wherein said clips (9) and hinges (6) are made comprised of plastic material.

7. (Currently amended) A water trap for a sink or similar according to any of the previous claims Claim 1, wherein the lower (3) and upper (5) portions include comprise embeddable rims enabling to facilitate the centring being facilitatable for centering of the lower (3) and upper (2) portions.

8. (Currently amended) A waste water evacuation device fitted with a water trap according to any of the previous claims 1 to 7 Claim 1.